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### IN VACATION.

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**Rural Diplomacy.**—"Judgin' from the price ye charged me, neighbor, ye put 3 gallon uv m'lasses in a 2-gallon jug. Naow I ain't b'grudgin' the money, but I don't cal-late ter hev the jug stretched."

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**Modesty Reproved.**—A lady of great beauty was called as a witness in a trial for murder before Lord Eskgrove, and wore a veil when she took the witness stand, which seemed to irritate the judge. Before administering the oath he said to her, "Young woman! You will now consider yourself as in the presence of Almighty God and of this High Court. Lift up your veil, throw off all modesty and look me in the face."—Case and Comment.

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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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All book reviews are by the Editor-in-Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

**The Lawyers Reports Annotated**—1916B. Burdette A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham and George A. Parmelee, Editors, assisted by the Publishers Editorial Staff. Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. 1916. Price \$5.00.

As usual this volume need only to be examined to demonstrate its value. The first note on page 18, "Parol Evidence that a Written Instrument, Which on Its Face Expresses a Complete Transfer of a Legal Equitable Estate or Interest in Property, Was Intended to Operate as a Mortgage or Pledge," is a valuable treatise upon this subject and covers nearly six hundred pages. The entire law will be found thoroughly and carefully treated. "Adverse Possession of a Railroad Right of Way," on page 657 is also a useful note. On page 675 there is also a note of much interest and value on the question of the "Provisions of Bills and Notes for Attorneys' Fees as Affecting Negotiability." The note on page 1033, "Public Improvement; Effect of Intervention of Narrow Strip Owned by Third Person between the Street and Property Sought to be Assessed," is upon a question decidedly novel, as is also the note on page 1293 as to "Who is a Peddler."

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**The Law of Promoters**—By Manfred W. Ehrich, of the New York Bar, A Treatise on the Law of Promoters and the Promotion of Corporations, covering not only the Rights and Liabilities of Promoters, but also the Rights and Liabilities of the Corporation, the subscribers for and purchasers of its shares of Stock, the Vendors selling to the Corporation and other Persons so far as such Rights and Liabilities are affected by the Acts, representations or omissions of the Promoters. Matthew Bender & Co. Albany, New York. 1916. Price \$6.00.

We always open any book published by Matthew Bender & Company with the feeling that we are going to get full value not only in the mechanical work, which is always well done, but in the mate-

rial of the work as presented by competent authors. The present work is one the need of which has been felt for some time; for the busy lawyer now-a-days needs collected in one volume all the law upon every kind of subject which can be brought together in concise shape. The present volume discusses the law of the promoters of corporations in an able manner. We may say, indeed, that the entire law upon the subject is brought together, carefully digested, clearly stated, so as to be useful not only to the practitioner but to the student. The author has applied his cases to the established principles so as to present clearly both the case law and the principles it illustrates, and we find the work remarkably well done. We are glad to see that each page of the index indicates reference as to pages as well as numbers, so that one does not lose time in having to look back to the beginning of the index to find whether the subject indexed refers to page or section.

The usefulness of this book cannot be questioned, and an examination demonstrates its value.

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**The Law Restated—The Roots of the Law**—Where they are found and best illustrated in both the old and the latest cases. The Great Maxims, General Principles and Leading Cases. The Six Leading Subjects in Miniature: Equity, Procedure, Contract, Crime, Tort and Construction. The elements of these aligned and reflected from a Text-Index constituting ready reference and a Master Key to the library. The interactions of the six leading subjects. The Fundamentals of Procedure: These followed into the Code (See Quis, quid). These illustrated by the ablest New York cases, also, Federal. An Epitome of Great Legal Classics. The student's guide to these. By William T. Hughes Author of "Procedure," "Grounds and Rudiments of Law," and "Equity in Procedure." With an Introductory Chapter by Wendell Phillips Stafford, Judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, formerly a Justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont. The Roman still holds dominion over this world by the silent empire of his law. *Melius est petere fontes quam sectari rivulos.* (See *alterum non laedere*). Published by the author. For sale by all booksellers. 1915. Price \$4.00.

We have seldom examined a book with greater pleasure than the volume whose somewhat lengthy title is to be found above. Mr. Hughes has attempted a statement of the law along logical and philosophical lines. He proceeds upon the theory that there are certain principles of law as unchangeable as the fixed planets, and that all cases are small satellites which revolve around these fixed stars. The work is exceedingly well done. It deserves a great deal more notice than it has received, and in this age of case law, case lawyers and case judges, we believe that a careful perusal will do much to straighten out the complexities brought upon the courts by the citations of innumerable cases often almost diametrically the one opposed to the other. We would advise every student of the law to read it; more than that to study it. And we do not believe that anywhere in a smaller compass can be found more material to aid alike the student and the practitioner.